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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Michael Hicks)	Examiner: Stephen Castellano
Serial No.: 09/263,127)	Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed: March 5, 1999)	
For: INSULATED JACKET FOR A)	Notice of Allowance Dated
BEVERAGE CONTAINER AND)	October 12, 1999
BLANK AND METHOD FOR)	Batch No.: C88
FABRICATING SAME)	

Charlotte, North Carolina, January 26, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE
PAYMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312(b)

Sir:

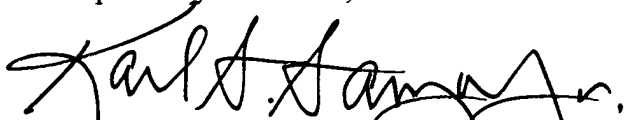
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.312(b) the applicant respectfully requests amendment of this application to substitute new formal drawings attached hereto for those submitted on January 6, 2000, contemporaneous with the payment of the issue fee, in order to correct errors in the formal drawings which failed to conform to the informal drawings of the application as originally filed.

More specifically, the formal drawings filed on January 6, 2000, erroneously show in Figures 5 and 7 an additional seam at the left-hand side of the article of the present invention which did not appear in the informal drawings of the application as filed. The new substituted formal drawings being submitted herewith are therefore necessary to bring the formal drawings into conformity with the original drawings of record and with the specification. This mistake in Figures 5 and 7 occurred inadvertently and in good faith as a result of a draftsman's error in preparing the formal drawings and, because the drawings of Figures 5 and 7 otherwise appear

substantially in conformity to the original drawings, the error was not recognized either by the draftsman, the undersigned attorney for the applicant, nor the attorney's assistant in preparing the formal drawings for filing. The error was only discovered by the applicant himself after receiving a copy of the formal drawings as filed. At such time, the issue fee had already been paid and, hence, it was too late for the error to be corrected before the payment of the issue fee.

The applicable petition fee prescribed by 37 CFR §1.312(b) in the amount of \$130.00 as well as any additional charges or credits for this amendment may be charged to Deposit Account 18-1215 of the undersigned. It is respectfully submitted that the applicant has proceeded promptly and diligently upon discovery of the indicated error to file the corrected drawings. Since the error relates entirely to a matter of form and, indeed, is necessary to conform the drawings to the original informal drawings, and further since it is believed that the corrected drawings are being submitted with ample time remaining to be substituted before printing of the issued patent, this amendment of the application should be approved and entered. Favorable consideration and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl S. Sawyer, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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